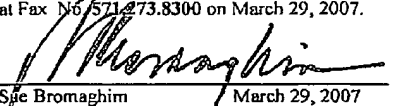


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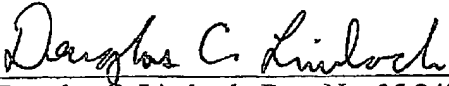
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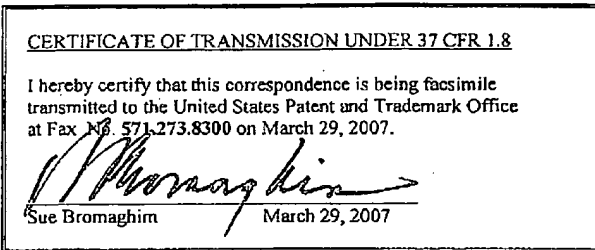
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This communication is in response to the Office Action mailed January 29, 2007, for which a reply is due February 28, 2007. An appropriate request for extension of time accompanies this paper.

Prior to reconsidering this application on the merits, please amend the application as follows:

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